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FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, TH

SUBJECT: NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR CONVERSION, THAILAND

REF: (A) BANGKOK 4863; (B) BANGKOK 4002; (C) STATE 048860;

(D) BANGKOK 3441

1. USDOC MEPD APPRECIATES RECEIVING REF (A) REGARDING THE DETAILS SURROUNDING THE GENERAL ATOMIC INITIATED INQUIRY OF REF (C) AND WILL KEEP YOUR PARAGRAPH 7 COMMENTS IN CONFIDENCE. AT THE TIME OF MR. CHESWORTH'S PHONE CALL ON MARCH 4 WE HAD NOT RECEIVED YOUR REF (D) CABLE. WHEN WE ASCERTAINED FROM CHESWORTH THAT GA HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY, WE SURMISED WHAT HAD HAPPENED, I.E. THE EMBASSY HAD PROBABLY JUST RECEIVED THE TENDER INFORMATION AND WANTED AN EXTENSION TO ASSURE U.S. FIRMS HAVE TIME TO RESPOND. CHESWORTH WAS INSISTENT THAT THERE MAY BE UNDERLYING REASONS FOR THE REQUEST OF EXTENSION AND WANTED TO VERIFY WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE.

2. USDOC WAS NOT AWARE OF THE DETAILS OF GA'S POSITION IN THAILAND OTHER THAN ITS INTEREST AND LONG TERM DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE THAI AUTHORITIES ON UPGRADING THE EXISTING THAI RESEARCH REACTOR. WE WERE LEAD TO BELIEVE THAT GA HAD ALREADY SOLD THE THAIS ON GA'S APPROACH FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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THE REACTOR CONVERSION AND THAT NO USG ASSISTANCE WAS

NECESSARY (OR APPROPRIATE) IN ITS NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY

UNDERWAY. THE FIRST WE HEARD THAT THE REACTOR  
CONVERSION IS A SPECIFIC RTG PROJECT, SUBJECT TO PUBLIC  
TENDERING, WAS THE MARCH 4 PHONE CALL.

3. REGARDING REF (A) PARAGRAPH 10, WE AGREE WITH  
EMBASSY THAT 30 DAYS IS GENERALLY NOT ADEQUATE TIME  
FOR U.S. FIRMS WITHOUT LOCAL REPRESENTATION TO RESPOND TO  
TENDER SALES. THE EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE  
THAI AGENCIES TO EXTEND SALES PERIOD TO 60 DAYS. KISSINGER

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